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Former high school property sold Town buys land for multi-family housing

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

Chinook's Edge School Division has announced the sale of a 3.5 acre plot of land that housed the former Didsbury High School.

The Town of Didsbury purchased the land for \$800,000, and has plans to use the property to establish a town centre project and multi-family housing.

"When disposing of a school, it is common to approach a public entity such as a municipality to determine if they have use for the land," Chinook's Edge Board Chair, Doug Wagstaff says. "This is a positive agreement for both of us and for the people we serve."

It is a sign of the cooperative relationship that is growing between Chinook's Edge and the Town of Didsbury, and it is a constructive example of our shared commitment to residents in the Didsbury area.

"Our relationship with our municipalities is important to the Chinook's Edge Board. We are happy to work with the towns and counties in our division to build our communities together. The Town of Didsbury and Chinook's Edge serve that same constituency – and this agreement will serve the community well. We are excited about the possibilities this renewed working relationship is creating in addressing other community issues that are of mutual concern."

Didsbury Mayor Brian Wittal says the town has been considering potential for the property for a while.

"Since I was on council and the announcement of the new high school, and then it being built, we have always had some ideas...council itself has talked about some of the things we would like to see on that property," said Wittal. "It became evident, having what we would like to see happen is pretty tough to do unless we own that property."

Wittal says council feels the land purchase provides a positive opportunity.

"We felt it was a very key piece of property, as far as it being the last big chunk of property within the central downtown area of Didsbury where we could hope-

fully do some kind of unique development there - in oppose to it being R1 residential, if someone else bought the property."

Wittal says definite plans on a park-like project and multi-family housing have not yet begun.

Once plans have been established, the town will look for a developer that it feels can complete their vision.

"We have some (developers) that we have talked to about different concepts, but no commitments to anyone. It's been more about throwing out ideas and what the potential is."

Demolition of the former Didsbury High School took place in February of this year.



Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

SERVICE WITH A SMILE – Charlie a 7-year-old yellow lab service dog, greets Jean Rivers and Erna McCafferty. Charlie and his owner Verne Trevoy of Calgary, were guests of honour at the Didsbury Seniors' Support Friends and Fun gathering last week. Charlie is a PADS service dog who provides balance and stability for Trevoy after a spinal injury made mobility difficult.

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Population increase expected

Town starts census

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury is slated to begin its collection of information for a municipal census this week.

Municipal Clerk, Luanna Smith says the pur-

pose of the census is to provide evidence of increased population numbers, which would result in improved opportunities for provincial and federal grant dollars to benefit the town.

"We only have two questions, and we really need people to be courteous and answer the questions," said Smith.

"It benefits everybody...this will help us save on tax dollars too."

While the most recent federal census lists Didsbury's population as being 4,275, Smith says the town believes they are now over 4,600.

"That is significant grant dollars."

The two questions involved in the census are the number of people living in each residence, and their ages.

Nine people have been hired to collect the census information.

The process is expected to take two weeks to complete.

Speed limit changes considered

BY JOSH SKAPIN
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Didsbury Town Council discussed the possibility of a speed limit change on 20th Ave, during its meeting last week.

Council requested town Peace Officer, Derek Sutherland complete a report based on concerns over unsafe traffic conditions in front of the post office on 20th Ave, between 20th and 21st streets.

"There have been too many close calls," said Didsbury Mayor Brian Wittal.

"Because of the congestion and it being

a high traffic area there and people walking back and forth across the street...we have issues and concerns, that vehicles are travelling too fast."

Wittal believes reducing the speed limit would be helpful in making the area safer.

"I think that would hopefully help. It may take a little bit of time for people to understand it, and notice it and get used to it."

In his report, Sutherland notes challenges connected with a speed limit change, suggesting that the town leave

the speed limit at 50 km/h and instead implement other traffic control measures.

"The speed limit can be changed, however, it is tough to get people to recognize it as legitimate. It is even tougher to get the courts to recognize it as legitimate. Whenever you reduce the speed limits below 50km/h in an urban area for a non-provincially mandated reason such as school and playgrounds the courts have a difficult time with them," he says.

"This makes them particularly difficult to enforce."

Sutherland also commented on other council suggestions, which include a crosswalk by the post office and a 15 minute parking zone in front of the post office, and a stop sign placed at the post office and Spectrum Design.

"Drivers are required by provincial legislation to stop when coming out of an alley before entering onto a sidewalk, then again before entering the roadways. The reason that there are not usually

stop signs is because drivers are expected to know the legislation and they are expected to use caution," said Sutherland in his report.

"The other reason is that alleys are typically narrower than most roadways as is the case in this situation and in commercial districts such as delivery trucks often use the alleys to service the various businesses. I am not against the signs being put up but I think they may get damaged by the trucks turning in and may present a hazard and possibly liability if not installed correctly."

Also included in the suggestions, was a yellow no parking zone on the south side of 20th Ave, east of 21 Street, and re-evaluating the three-way stop on 21 Ave and 21 Street.

Council decided to not change the speed limit and have asked Sutherland to bring his recommendation for a crosswalk and changes in the parking configuration during its next council meeting May 13.

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Opinion

Commentary TILMA will bolster Alberta's economy

RON STEVENS

Albertans and this government have worked hard to make our province what it is today. Together we have earned the highly coveted position of the strongest economy in North America. While we should all be proud of this accomplishment, we cannot take our prosperity for granted. This is why the Government of Alberta is moving forward with initiatives that not only maintain our success, but build on it. One of the key initiatives we have underway is the groundbreaking Alberta-B.C. Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).

The focus of the TILMA is to grow our economy by simplifying, streamlining and strengthening the way we do business with B.C.. While the TILMA is a complex agreement, it is easy to see how it will benefit Alberta businesses, workers and their families. By reducing barriers to trade and labour mobility between our provinces, the TILMA will open up new opportunities and create Canada's second largest economic region, a dynamic and powerful marketplace supported by almost eight million people.

In addition to expanding our economy, the agreement will save time and money for businesses and workers. For example, under the TILMA, a business registered in one province can choose to be registered in the other...with no residency required and no added administration or cost. The agreement will also make it easier for people to move for work.

For example, a nurse or a welder will be able to move to Alberta or B.C. and keep working, without having to go through extensive re-certification or re-training. We are currently working on agreements for over 100 different regulated occupations, across a broad number of sectors, and this is just the beginning.

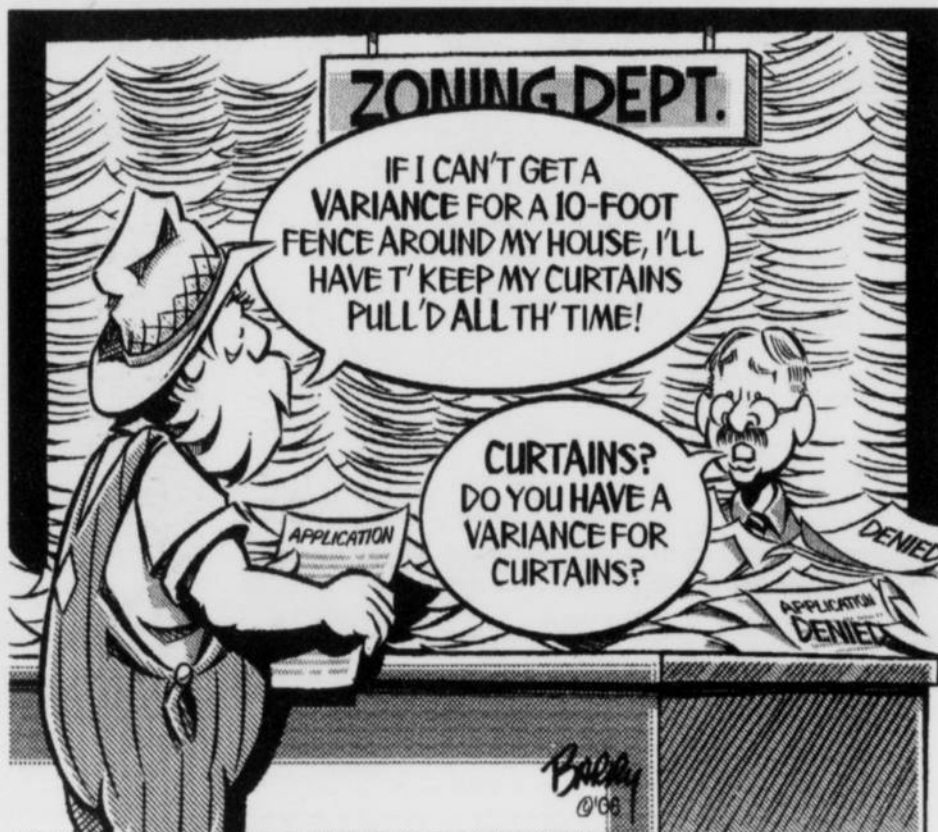
We have worked diligently with B.C. over the past three years and have consulted extensively with Albertans about the TILMA. We are now transitioning to the full implementation of the agreement, which will be in place in April 2009.

I look forward to the day when the TILMA will be fully implemented. In the meantime, Alberta is doing what is needed to keep the agreement on track through Bill 1, which was introduced April 15.

This new legislation provides the mechanics necessary to carry the TILMA forward, paving the way for a smooth delivery of the agreement. We are also continuing to consult with municipalities, school jurisdictions, occupational regulators, professionally regulated financial institutions, and others to determine the extent to which they will be affected by the TILMA.

Once implemented, the TILMA will help preserve Alberta's quality of life into the future, as a strong and vibrant legacy for generations to come. The Government of Alberta is going to work with Albertans to do this, and with the TILMA we are well on our way. More information about the TILMA is available at www.tilma.ca or by calling 310-0000.

Ron Stevens is the Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations



PERSONAL PRIVACY AT ODDS WITH PUBLIC POLICY...

Commentary Schultz honoured by S.A.C.A. recently

Garry Sherman gave the following speech about Didsbury's Carson Schultz during the S.A.C.A. Awards and Banquet Night in Calgary, Saturday, April 19.

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I'm Garry Sherman, and it's my privilege to present an award for Curling Promotion.

The recipient is one of those rare people who is the first to volunteer for whatever needs to be done around the curling club, from physical improvements to the facility, to fundraising, to recruiting members and sponsors. He has organized innumerable very successful bonspiels and leagues of every type. He has served on the curling club board of directors for longer than I know.

But the most significant thing he's done for curling, in my opinion, began almost ten years ago.

He has a friend and curling enthusiast who developed a medical problem, and couldn't continue. Carson got the idea that there should be a way his friend could continue to curl, and that was the beginning of what has become the game of Stick Curling.

Let me remind you that stick curl-

ing is much more than using a stick to deliver a rock - it's a distinct game with several advantages, not only for those with some physical disability, but for everyone of all ages and both genders. The game has two-person teams with some similarities to the game of mixed doubles, which held their first international championship this past season in Finland, but with a few additional improvements.

Anyway...since the beginning, Carson has spent hundreds - actually I'm sure, thousands of hours developing and promoting the game. If you need help improving your game, or want to get started, just drop a hint when Carson is around, and he'll be out on the ice with you. I've watched him out on the ice with his grandchildren, and recently watched as his four-year old granddaughter, using a stick, was able to deliver regular, adult rocks the full length of the sheet...and with amazing accuracy. She was just beaming the whole time.

Every now and then I hear that Carson has had a bad night - couldn't sleep - and I meet that with mixed emotions. I know it's great because he's had yet another idea

on how to improve and promote the game, but I also know it probably means several hours on the computer for me. You see - he pretends he can't use the computer...but that's just his way of getting others involved, because when he wants, he can find all sorts of information on the web.

But back to a few specifics....

Carson has led a small group which has set up, refined, and published the rules of stick curling on a website (along with other information about the game). He has promoted the game to the point where now there are regular leagues of stick curling in many clubs, especially in Alberta, but also across Canada. There are now provincial championships in six provinces, and that's growing. The fourth Canadian Championship was recently held in Winnipeg, still under Carson's guidance and advice.

So, I'd like to say thank you to Carson on behalf of the hundreds of us who wouldn't be curling at all if it weren't for the game of Stick Curling.

And on behalf of SACA I'd like to present this award for Curling Promotion to Carson Schultz.

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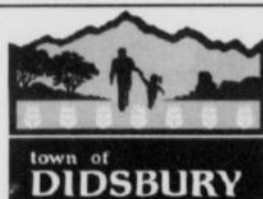
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Didsbury Neighborhood Place	335-8719
Community Services & FCSS	335-8719
Didsbury Landfill	335-2005
Memorial Complex & Aquatic Centre	335-7369
Rosebud Valley Campground	335-8578
Chamber of Commerce Office	335-3265
Library	335-3142

PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday May 7, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday June 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from
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NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 38-08	2158 – 22 Avenue	Projection over yard with condition	R2
DP 39-08	#56, 1190 – 15 Avenue	Demolition of Mobile Home with conditions	R3

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prior to 4:30 p.m. on **May 13, 2008**.

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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■ Black Bin ■ Green Bin

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For 2008, the approved Municipal Operating budget is based on revenues assumptions supported by the Amended Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12. This Bylaw is currently under review by Council and will be presented for approval at May 13, 2008 Regular Council meeting.

After review and approval by Council, all amended rates and fees will become effective June 1, 2008 with the exception of some Recreation fee changes which will become effective September 1, 2008, as noted in the Bylaw.

If you wish to view the current recommendations of the Amended Rate and Fee Bylaw 05-12, please visit the Town of Didsbury Website: www.didsbury.ca or stop by the Town of Didsbury Administration Office.

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NOTICE of ROAD CLOSURE

DIDSBURY SHOW and SHINE - MAY 10, 2008

The following road closure between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
on Saturday, May 10, 2008 for the Didsbury Show and Shine:

- 20th Street from 20th Avenue north to 22nd Avenue
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- 19th Avenue from 20th Street west to 21st Street
- 18th Avenue from 20th Street west to the alley access.



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Cameron earns his stripes

Didsbury product reflects on rookie season

BY JOSH SKAPIN
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With only a handful of regular season matches left to be played, rookie Bretton Cameron's confidence was on the rise.

After becoming successful at earning regular duty and an increase in ice time, the Didsbury native appeared poised to be a key contributor in the young Medicine Hat Tigers' opening round playoff matchup, which was later determined to be the Kootenay Ice.

But things took a wrong turn while in the midst of a home-and-home series with the Edmonton Oil Kings.

After pacing the Tigers to a 4-1 victory over the Oil Kings, with a goal and a helper in the first of two matches, Cameron woke up the next morning not feeling right.

"I woke up at 7 o'clock the next morning and didn't know what was going on," said the speedy Tigers' pivot.

"I just thought it was the flu."

Cameron spent most of the day struggling through cramps, but still decided to draw into the lineup for their second tilt with Edmonton. While fighting through the pain, Cameron still managed to be productive, assisting on his

team's insurance marker to complete their second consecutive victory.

"The day after that, it got even worse and I ended up going to the hospital," he said.

Doctors determined that Cameron required an appendectomy, which resulted in him not only missing the

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BRETTON CAMERON
Medicine Hat Tiger

remainder of his freshmen season with the Tigers, but the playoffs too.

"It was very disappointing," Cameron says, of being sidelined.

"I was really looking forward to the playoffs, and it didn't turn out the way I wanted it to, but I couldn't really do anything about it."

Aside from the sour end to the year, Cameron enjoyed a season of growth.

After battling to find his niche on the

team in the early parts of the year, Cameron caught fire with fellow first-year performers, Wacey Hamilton and Colton Grant.

"We found great chemistry, and we made a pretty good line for the last couple of months of the season."

Cameron finished his first WHL season with 30 points in 59 games.

With trades being a reality for WHL players, Cameron used to worry about the possibility of being dealt.

"It was a bit of a worry in the back of my mind, but our coach told me he liked me, and he likes our line. I know that he trusts me," said Cameron.

This is Cameron's first year of eligibility for the National Hockey League entry draft, but he says getting selected hasn't occupied his thoughts.

"I haven't thought about it a whole lot," he said.

"It's been in the back of my head that maybe someone has thought about me."

Playing in the playoffs would have been nice, because I would have been recognized a lot more."

Instead, Cameron has his sights set on making an impact in his sophomore season with the Tigers, and helping the team be successful.

"I'm looking forward to next year, having a strong year, and hopefully getting a camp invite from there."

Now that the season has ended, and reports that he has healed well from his late season surgery, Cameron will commit to conditioning with an average of three hours of training per day.

Cameron will be spending his summer in Leduc, where he played midget hockey.

"(The Tigers) guide us on what they think we need to improve on. Lots of guys have personal trainers that they use...I have a family friend that went to school for that, so he has me on a program which is really good."



Didsbury's Bretton Cameron finishes his first full season with the Tigers.

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CHAMBER CHAT

The start of a new year

The calendar might say we're well into 2008, but the calendar for the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce says a whole new group will be at the helm soon, following the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 14.

The Chamber's AGM will be held at the Chamber office in the Train Station, beginning at 7 pm. All positions are open for election. Once the new Council is elected, they'll be looking to business community members to help with the many events hosted each year, including the Small Business Gala, Country Christmas, the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic, and the Didsbury Trade Show. There really is nothing quite as rewarding as volunteering to make your community stronger and more vibrant.

All members of the Chamber of Commerce are welcome to attend the AGM. Besides the election of officers and presentation of audited statements, there will be a presentation by Dee Poisson of the Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork Association. Dee will be talking about the expanded version of this year's ArtWalk, a fabulous opportunity for businesses to support the many talented artists and artisans in our region, and bring more traffic into their stores this summer.

Come see what the Chamber is all about, how your business can benefit from membership, and visit with other Didsbury business owners.

For more information on this, or any Chamber of Commerce initiative, call Tammy at the Chamber office, 335-3265 or send an e-mail to info@didsburychamber.ca. Check us out on the web at www.didsburychamber.ca.

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Anatomy of a DUI: a ride along with the police

BY MARK LAYCOCK
Didsbury Review

It's Friday night, prime time for mischief and troublemakers in Didsbury, Carstairs and Olds.

Cst. Robert Newton pulls up in front of a bar in Olds, peering at patrons looking for a night to let loose the week's frustrations.

The police car rolls to a stop as smokers, huddling together on the porch for warmth, direct their attention to a shadowing figure looking out at them with critical eyes.

One of the patrons waves, Newton waves back and pulls out of the parking lot. Nothing out of the ordinary here, but the night has only begun.

No matter the sub-zero temperatures, mounds of wet snow on the highways and the biting chill of last Friday's crippling winter wallop, members of the Didsbury RCMP are on the hunt for intoxicated drivers.

On a regular week, the Didsbury RCMP will arrest about 10 people for suspected drunk driving. It's a discouraging figure for anyone who drives during the night, but a haunting reality that most don't consider when they gear up for a night on the town.

Newton says it's nothing new for him; he's seen it all including coming across a flat of beer in the cab of a semi-truck. The heavily intoxicated truck driver had been sipping a few brewskies while navigating the road.

Needless to say, you'd be better off asking him what he hasn't seen.

It's 10:10 p.m., Newton loads up a 12-gauge shotgun, checks the ammunition of his pistol, throws on a vest, rummages through the back seat of his cruiser for disposed evidence, and then hits the road.

As he moves through the vacant streets of Didsbury he examines houses, passing vehicles, pedestrians suspicious activity, and even open garage doors.

"Sometimes we'll even sneak up and close somebody's garage door for them," he says. Apparently some people can be a tad forgetful sometimes. "They have no idea it even happened."

10:21 p.m.
The cruiser takes a sudden change of direction after Newton notices fellow officer Cst. Derek

Lascelles has a suspected intoxicated driver in cuffs.

Blue and red lights flicker off of surrounding houses as curious onlookers peer out their kitchen windows at the scene.

A white truck with lights still beaming sits vacant on a driveway as the driver is moved into the back of a cruiser. The driver pulled the vehicle into the driveway hoping to evade arrest, but because he was driving when the officer noticed him he is not immune to arrest. Later it's discovered the house he pulled up to wasn't even his; a common practice of drivers looking to avoid arrest.

10:30 p.m. - Didsbury RCMP Detachment

Newton returns to the station to administer a Breathalyzer test. Each detachment requires a qualified technician to administer the test; Newton is that technician.

Upon arrival at the station the suspected drunk driver is asked to relinquish his ID and any items from his pockets. He is then escorted to a sound-

proof cell where he is provided legal aid.

Lascelles is required to stand outside the cell and peer through the window to keep a vigilant eye on the suspect as he reaches a contact.

The padded walls of the cell are required to protect a suspect's right to a lawyer, meaning RCMP officers cannot listen to anything said between the suspect and his lawyer.

Suspects are given as much time as needed to contact a lawyer.

"We basically want him to get a lawyer," says Newton.

Suspects are then given two options: take the test, or reject it and be charged with refusal.

After 30 minutes, both members are still waiting patiently for the individual to contact legal aid - but there's a problem.

"He's trying to dial with the receiver," says Lascelles.

As it turns out there is no dial pad on the receiver.

The arresting officer is required to stand by the

cell and take notes of everything that takes place in the cell, and any interaction with the suspect.

"Notebooks are our most important tool," says Newton, who adds that notebooks have documented his and every other member's entire career, including his first shift on the job.

By the time this ordeal is over, he will have recorded over 20 pages of notes.

After another 30 minutes the suspect is yet to contact a lawyer, and is not able to dial the phone without assistance.

12:00 a.m.
After an hour and a half of trying to reach counsel the suspect agrees to an Intoxilyzer.

Newton hunches over the large machine and types in the suspect's information and preps the machine. He turns off his radio and removes his cell-phone to ensure there is no radio interference with the machine.

Anyone brought in for a test is told to make a tight seal around the mouth-

piece and blow as hard as they can for approximately three seconds.

The wobbling suspect is escorted in, his face red, eyes bloodshot. The room quickly fills with the unmistakable scent of lady liquor.

Newton gives the man instructions. The man hunches over and grasps the mouthpiece.

"OK, blow, blow, blow. Harder, blow blow," Newton says.

But the suspect seems to be struggling with the device. The whistling of air can be heard as the suspect half-heartedly blows into the device.

Newton tells the man he isn't blowing, but the man disagrees.

Another attempt is made, but this time not a sound is heard, and the machine isn't making a sound.

"You aren't blowing," says Newton.

The man alleges he is blowing, but it's too hard.

"Look, you're blowing all over my fingers," says Newton, adding that a person with one lung could

successfully give a sample without a problem.

Another attempt is made but to no avail. The man continues to tell the officers he's trying.

One final attempt is made, but with no success. Newton tells the man he will be charged with refusal to give a sample.

"But I was blowing," says the man.

Following the suspect's removal this reporter was given the opportunity to test the machine.

With minimal effort, I can attest the machine was working properly.

According to Newton, the highest someone has blown is 390.

In all, it took over two hours for police to bring the suspect in and provide an Intoxilyzer sample.

Although it's comforting to know one dangerous driver was taken off the road, at the same time it's disconcerting to realize how many weren't caught that night as the two members were required to play the waiting game in the station for two hours.

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GOSPEL MEETINGS will be held on Sundays from March 23 to May 18, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Ross Ford Elementary School in Didsbury, 2016 23 St. All are welcome. T Galbraith and C Herzog. 335-4423. 13-20

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The Aqua-Jets will be co-

hosting a meet again this year with the Calgary Swordfish on June 14th at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer them on. This is a good opportunity to find out what summer swim club is all about.

The swimmers also have the option of attending several area meets through out the season.

The club focuses on physical fitness, self-confidence, team spirit and continual improvement. This year the club is introducing a program whereby swimmers who earn 3 best times at a meet will be awarded a medal to commemorate their achievement. This program will be

sponsored by local businesses.

As former Aqua-Jet Jillian Tyler realizes her dream of becoming an Olympian (see Review article April 22, 2008) our kids begin their season with this wonderful example of hard work and dedication. Jillian is an inspiration to all and we wish her the best!!

Club runs from early May to mid August. Swim time is 5-6:30pm Monday to Friday with reduced days and times for those who are 8 and under. Our registration deadline is May 30th and you can register by contacting Arnie at 335-4730 or annetom004@yahoo.ca. Remember 'Swimming Keeps Kids Clean'!!



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loving personality. Above all, he will be remembered for his love for his beautiful fiancé Kim Dampier, who supported him through his illness. Throughout Scott's battle with cancer he continued to have a sense of humour, an amazing outlook on life and even in his hardest days continue to put others before himself. In his most difficult days he always had Kim's strength to see him through as their hopes and dreams for the future never wavered. Scott will be dearly missed by his fiancé Kim Dampier, his parents Jack and Debbie, siblings Chad, Nicole and Nathan; grandparents Alexander and Elsie Brander, and Fern Dube, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Scott was predeceased by his grandfather Frank Verquin and his cousin Michael Brander. A celebration of his life will be held in the Zion Church in Didsbury, AB on Tuesday, April 29th at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Children's Wish Foundation or the Rotary/Flames Children's Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury. Phone: 335-4773. Proudly serving our community for over 45 years.

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JEFFERS, Dorothy Anne Ruth 1922 - 2008

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ruth Jeffers at the age of 86 years. Ruth passed away peacefully in Calgary on Saturday, April 19, 2008. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Orlo, daughter Leslie (Barry) Davis, and her sons Rodney (Carol) Nelson and David (Virginia) Nelson. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Mandi (Dean) Matheson, Ryan (Chelsea) Davis, Traci (Scott) Fischer, Michael (Haley) Nelson, Katherine (Brent) Murray, Carol (Roy) Cottle and Donna (Shane) Playfair; fourteen great grandchildren, Shelby and Lori Matheson, Ethan Perras, Sinclair and Lyndon Fischer, Jonathan and Meagen Nelson, Kristen and Darren Murray, Sarah and Matthew Cottle, Ashley Berg, and Samantha and Mark Playfair. Ruth grew up on the family farm near Chancellor with her older brother Tony (deceased 1937) and her parents Philip and Dorothy Rogers. She walked to a one room school at Sunny Range one and a half miles from home. Later she rode her horse to the Hussar school and finished high school at the dorm in Cluny. Ruth and Orlo lived at Bearberry, Sundre, and Lavo and spent the last 22 years on the farm near Carstairs. She was a long time member of the Royal Purple, holding many offices including Honoured Royal Lady. Ruth always had a crossword puzzle beside her chair and she had a love of reading, particularly cookbooks. Her family and friends enjoyed her many experiments with new dessert recipes. She took great pleasure in knitting dolls, sweaters, mittens and hats for her family and making beautiful quilts. Ruth loved to garden, always planting flowers in among the vegetables and she loved all animals, especially dogs and horses. There was always room in her home and at her table for family and friends. Our family is very grateful to close friends and neighbours, Gwen and Dwayne Trotter for all their care and support. A private family service will be held. Friends are invited to a celebration of Ruth's life at the Senior's Drop-In Centre (85 Lakeside Blvd) Strathmore on Saturday, April 26, 2008 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Special thanks to Dr. Watson, the staff on Unit #62 and in Emergency at the Foothills Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to S.T.A.R.S. (Box 570, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Calgary, Alberta, T2E 8M7) or to a charity of your choice.

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